

FROM THE HART



HART MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

QUICK RE-MINDERS

- **Nuts** are not allowed in school due to the severe allergy of several of our pupils
- Please make sure EVERY **item of clothing and footwear** that comes in to school is **clearly labelled** with your child's full name. Check out www.mynametags.com. *If your child brings home clothing that does NOT belong to you, please return it to school the next day.*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER 2019

Back to school	4
P6 'Healthy Me' programme	4 & 5
Whole school flu vaccination	8
Anti-bullying Week	11-15
Nursery photographs	11
P6 Vikings trip to Navan Centre, Armagh	12
Parents' programme: 9.15am-10.45am	14
P7s Anti-bullying workshop	15
P7T Play in a Day: 'Anti-bullying'	22
Boys' hockey (friendly) away to Millington	25
Online safety workshops P5-7	25 & 26
Parent Online Safety talk 7pm	26
P5DK 'Space Base' trip to W5	26



BOOK FAIR

Many thanks to all of you who supported the Book Fair this year. A big thank you also to all the pupils who ran the Fair under Mr Poots' direction. We took in a whopping £1126.40! The school receives commission which is used to buy books for use in school. We take it in turns as to which classes will benefit—this year it will be P1-4. Many thanks to our Nursery parents for their great support of the Nursery Book Fair which took in £356.26—lots of new bedtime stories for our youngest pupils!

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After school activities are well underway and most are well supported. Here are a few reminders:

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Hockey, soccer and cross country are **winter sports** and will carry on outside even in inclement weather. Please ensure your child has a **hat, gloves, track bottoms and a light weight coat** with them

⇒ Parents **collecting children** from after school activities should wait by the **main gate** (P5-7 pupils) or by the **Junior exit** (door opening onto ramp) for P1-4 pupils. Drama Club and Young Harts use the Surestart exit at the top of the Junior playground. Please do not buzz to come in to school.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Many thanks to the vast majority of parents who have arranged their affairs

in order to meet with their children's teachers this week. A strong working partnership between school and home is vital in order for children to achieve their full potential in school. Remember that you can arrange a meeting with your child's teacher at any time during the school year at a mutually convenient time.



COMMUNICATION

All communication will be digital:

- **School website**
- **School app**
- **School facebook page**
- **Seesaw**
...except for occasional letters etc which must be hard copy.

PARENTS' PROGRAMMES

'Managing Children's Behaviour in this Technical Age'

Thursday 14 November 2019

9.15am—10.45am

Assembly Hall

Facilitator: Liz Jones

Outline: setting appropriate rules and dealing with gadgets whilst helping to develop resilience and managing setbacks.

'Keeping your Child Safe Online'

Tuesday 26 November 2019

7pm-8.30pm

Assembly Hall

Facilitator: REIMS Training

Outline: the dangers to which all children are exposed online; how to protect them and set restrictions on what they can access.

(Free draw for £50 'One 4 All' voucher for each family in attendance)

'Helping Children Develop their Thinking Skills through Games'

Wednesday 15 January 2020

9.15am—10.45am (KS1 parents)

1.30pm—3pm (KS2 parents)

Numeracy Support Room

Facilitator: Colette Delargy

Outline: Children tend to find problem-solving difficult but playing good strategy games can develop their thinking skills and perseverance without them realising they are learning. These games have been specially selected to have children learning and laughing without realising there's any maths involved!

All these sessions are free but please complete & return the slip that will be sent home with your eldest child so we know how many there will be for tea, coffee, scones etc.

STAY SAFE

Please remind your children of the dangers of **fireworks** and ensure they NEVER handle them, even used ones. Also, please ensure your children understand how to stay safe if out 'trick or treating'.



PARKING

Please **do not park on the footpath**—you are blocking the path for **pedestrians**, parents with **buggies** and **wheelchair users**. There is no shortage of parking along the length of Charles Street.



eSafety Awareness—information for parents

Tuesday 26 November at 7pm

Assembly Hall in school

- *What are the dangers when your child is on a pc, laptop, ipad, tablet, phone?*
- *What can you do to keep your child safe?*

It is **VITAL** that one parent from each family attends this information evening—technology is ever changing which, as well as added benefits, brings new dangers.



WALK (AND LEARN) LIKE AN EGYPTIAN!

P5DK had a very special visitor in class this month who had travelled back in time from Ancient Egypt. Tuti had a wonderful morning showing all the children lots of interesting artefacts and teaching them all about life during Ancient Egyptian times.



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Primary 7 pupils from Hart and Presentation were joined by the IFA's Community Relations Officer, Chris Wright, for a very relevant and important workshop called 'Give Racism the Red Card'. Children learned about the causes and consequences of racism, and how misconceptions hinder our thinking. The session gave pupils the opportunity to fully understand that racism is wrong, hurtful and completely unnecessary. At the Hart Memorial, we aim to prepare our pupils to be citizens of and contributors to a multi-cultural world; this workshop was another tool towards that aim. Many thanks to Chris for an excellent afternoon.



'APPY TIME FOR BLOOMING HARTS

Blooming Harts had a brilliant trip to Armagh Cider Company. We brought some of our school grown apples to be made into apple juice. We saw the apples being pressed and got to sample some freshly squeezed apple juice. We will have small bottles of our apple juice for sale at the school Open Night.



SOCCER BOYS STRIKE IT LUCKY!

We are delighted to welcome Matthew Tipton, Portadown FC Manager, to Senior Boys' Football Practices this year. Matthew has made a huge impact with his enthusiastic approach, with nearly 40 boys in attendance each Wednesday. Assisted by his son, George, a First Team player at Portadown, Matthew has committed to attending all three terms in 19/20. Exciting times indeed!!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P6M (96.9%)

2nd: P7MM (96.7%)

3rd: P2LM (96.6%)

Please have your child in school **every** day.....

miss school, miss out!

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P1TA (4 late marks)

2nd: P2LM (5 late marks)

3rd: P6H (8 late marks)

Please have your child in school **ON TIME** every day..... (but **NOT** before 8.40am!)

miss school, miss out!